

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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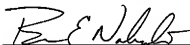
**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 19, 2006 and, to date, we have not yet received an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully requests a status report for the above-captioned patent application be provided to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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